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In re the application of

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For: **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
MOUNTING A SADDLE HUB ON A
PIPE AND CORRESPONDING TAP**

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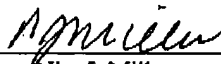
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In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 18, 2005, please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below.

A complete listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Part III EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

In the amendment filed October 12, 2004 claim 12 was amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 15 however the amended claim 12 failed to include the proper underlining indicating which limitations were added therefore claim 12 below has been amended to incorporate the proper underlining.

12. (Currently Amended) An assembly for mounting and sealing a saddle on a pipe, the assembly comprising:

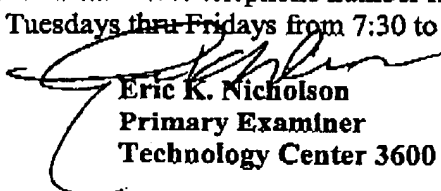
a saddle hub, the saddle hub including lateral attachment means disposed on each side of the saddle hub, the saddle hub defining an opening having an axis that is aligned with a radial axis of axis the pipe, the saddle hub including a first gasket, a sleeve mounted on the first gasket and a second gasket mounted on the sleeve and in contact with the attachment means;

a saddle hub mounting device, the saddle hub mounting device including tightening means for tightening the saddle hub, the tightening means being configured to cooperate with the lateral attachment means and including an open and deformable bracelet, the bracelet including a flat and flexible band that is configured to be installed on the saddle hub by rotation, the flat and flexible band defining a plurality of spaced openings to enable the saddle hub to fit pipes of various outer diameters by attachment to the lateral attachment means of the saddle hub through selected openings in the bracelet, the saddle hub and the bracelet forming a ring, the lateral attachment means being configured to enable the saddle hub to fit pipes of different outer diameters by attaching and tightening to the tightening means.

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